

Medway June 8th 1775.

Whereas I the Subscriber having been entertained with a free & plain conversation by the Comm^{tt} of Correspondence & the Selectmen of this Town Relative to some Suspicion & Jealousies, of my being unfriendly & inimical, to the Just Rights & Liberties of America & the Constitution of this Province, & Whereas being well Sensible I cannot enjoy Happiness in Society without a Charitable Opinion of the People Among Whom I Live, Therefore, that the Suspicions may be Removed, & that I may be entitled to the Charitable Opinion of my Neighbours & Acquaintance, Do now in this manner, freely & Sincerely manifest my Sentiments & Resolution Relative to the said Suspicions, in the following manner, That As to the Authority of the British Parliament for passing Acts Binding in all Cases whatsoever in America, is ^{my} Assent

That as to the Late Acts of ^{the} British Parliament for Blocking the Harbour of Boston, & Altering the Civil Constitution of this Province &c, Are I conceive very Grievous Unjustifiable Acts, & that, No Obedience Ought to be yielded, or forced there unto, And Altho I cannot see any Reason nor Justice in any of the Riotous Actions in the late Times, yet I Sincerely Declare, that I am free to exert myself in a just Constitutional way & manner in the Recovery & Preservation of the rights, Liberties & Constitution aforesd, Excepting only in taking up arms to shed Blood, which I Sincerely Declare is Contrary to the Dictates of my Conscience, ^{in any Case whatsoever} & that I will Strictly Adhere to the Advices of the Continental & Provincial Congress, & that I will do nothing whatsoever Directly or indirectly to obstruct or Defeat, the plan & measures adopted by a Congress for the Purposes of recovering & Preserving the rights, Liberties & Constitution aforesd.

Witness my hand Jonathan Cutler.

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